

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "OPIUM" OR ITS DERIVATIVES INCLUDES CODEINE AND ANY COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, OR PREPARATION OF OPIUM, NATURAL OR SYNTHETIC.

(2) (I) ~~IN-ANNE-ARUNDELL-COUNTY,~~ A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, DISPENSE, OR GIVE ANY PREPARATION CONTAINING OPIUM OR ANY OF ITS DERIVATIVES, EXCEPT UPON A VALID PRESCRIPTION OF A DULY ~~LICENSED---OR---CERTIFIED---PHYSICIAN,---DENTIST,---OR---VETERINARIAN.~~ AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER AS DEFINED IN § 12-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(II) THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

1. SALES MADE TO REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS OF PHARMACY, MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, PODIATRY, OR VETERINARY MEDICINE; OR

2. SALES MADE BY ANY MANUFACTURER, ~~WHOLESALE---DRUGGIST~~ DISTRIBUTOR, OR LICENSED PHARMACIST PHARMACY TO A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION OPERATING A DISPENSARY IN WHICH A PRACTITIONER LICENSED BY LAW TO ADMINISTER DISPENSE DANGEROUS DRUGS IS IN CHARGE.

(3) (I) ~~IN-ANNE-ARUNDELL-COUNTY,~~ A PERSON MAY NOT POSSESS OR CONTROL ANY PREPARATION CONTAINING OPIUM OR ITS DERIVATIVES, UNLESS THE PERSON OBTAINED THE DRUG ON PRESCRIPTION OF---A---DULY---LICENSED---OR---CERTIFIED---PHYSICIAN,---DENTIST,---OR VETERINARIAN. OF A DULY AUTHORIZED PRESCRIBER AS DEFINED IN § 12-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(II) THIS PROHIBITION DOES NOT APPLY IF THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION IS IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS, OCCUPATION, PROFESSION, EMPLOYMENT, OR DUTY OF THE PERSON.

(4) (I) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, SHALL BE FINED NOT LESS-THAN-\$250-NOR MORE THAN \$1,000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE.

(II) ANY PERSON CONVICTED A SECOND TIME FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE FINED A SUM NOT LESS-THAN \$500-NOR MORE THAN \$2,000.

(III) ANY PERSON CONVICTED MORE THAN TWICE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IMPRISONED FOR NOT LESS THAN-6-NOR MORE THAN 18 MONTHS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.